AIC settles the admissible claims within two months after the receipt of yield data from the concerned State Government provided the share of funds of the central and State Government have been received by AIC.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India constituted a Joint Group to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance scheme. The joint Group has made a number of recommendations which, *interalia*, include on account payment of claims on the basis of weather data/satellite imagery or other proxy indicators for timely settlement of claims.

Development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Project

1200. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3364 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether a comprehensive report on the escalation of cost of the project on development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Phase II and a revised estimate were received in 2005; and

(b) if so, the final outcome of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had forwarded a cost estimate for escalated project cost of Rs. 5291 lakhs in May 2005, which was not the comprehensive proposal as equested by the Government of India (GOI). The Government of Gujarat in May 2006 has reported that preparation of revised project proposal as requested by GOI is progressing in the State Government.

Production of Mangoes

†1201. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of mangoes in the country is declining day-by-day;

(b) whether there is a huge potentiality of expot of mangoes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the case of production of mangoes, the scientific approach of Government has not yet been widely implemented; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof on the basis of the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. The overall production of mango in the major mango growing areas of the country has shown marginal improvement but productivity was stagnant.

(b) Yes, India is the largest producer of mangoes producing a number of exportable varieties like Alphonso, Kesar, Benganpalli, Chausa, Langra, Dussheri etc. and has vast potential for export of fresh mangoes.

(c) For enhancing horticulture production including mangoes, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Technology Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States are being implemented in the country wherein scientific approach is being adopted for planting new orchards and rejuvenation of old orchards. It has also been recommended to have more numbers of mango trees per unit area for enhancing production and productivity of mango. It will take 7-8 years for enhancing significant production for mangoes.

(d) The major mango producing states are Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Bihar. In Andhra Pradesh, production showed increase in last five years which is mainly due to increase in area. However; in Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the production is stagnant. In Uttar Pradesh, there was increase in production and productivity. A statement showing the State-wise details of production of mangoes is annexed as Statement.

Statement

State-wise production of Mango (2000-01 to 2004-05)

(Production in 000'MT)

Sl. No.	States	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	2449.5	2445.8	2962.1	3217.2	3135.2
2	Uttar Pradesh	2250.3	1950.0	4031.3	2100.1	2585.6
3	Bihar	1112.5	1253.5	1255.6	1540.1	865.6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	Karnataka	1291.4	1130.6	1098 2	1111.2	1105 9
5	West Bengal	380.3	585.0	228.8	406.0	460.8
6	Maharashtra	500.5	559.0	615.9	629.8	634.3
7	Gujarat	364.2	457.6	495.1	495.1	729.1
8	Tamil Nadu	556.3	438.7	756.5	615.4	539.4
9	Orissa	363.3	402.4	402.9	405.2	416.3
10	Kerala	—	—	305.5	384.2	384.2
11	Others	788.5	797.6	581.3	585.7	748.8
	TOTAL	10056.8	10020.2	12733.2	11490.0	11605.2

Estimates of foodgrain production

†1202. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimate of production of foodgrains made during 2005-06 in the country by Government in February, 2006 was more than the estimate made in July;

(b) if so, the break up on the production as per both the estimates; and

(c) the reasons for such a big difference between these two estimates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the 2nd Advance Estimates released on 22nd February, 2006, the estimate of foodgrains production was 209.32 million tonnes which now stands 208.30 million tonnes as per the 4th Advance Estimates released on 15th July, 2006. The crop-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) In the estimate of July 2006, the production of rice and Coarse Cereals have gone up while that of Wheat and Pulses have gone down. The reasons are reported by the States for the difference in the stimates are deficient rains and abnormal rise in temperature in February 2006 in the States of north-west India.

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